

WEST HARTFORD SENIOR CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 21, 2017

Members Present: Noreen Bachteler, Ray Guenter, Linda Hanson, Robert Kennedy, Ellen Phillips, Donna Sterling, and Philip Walker
Members Absent: Ruth Kurien
Staff Present: Kathleen Faroni, Gina Marino, Keren Paquette, Ed Sanady
Guests: Sheila Diamond, Beth Kerrigan

Chairman Philip Walker called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

The Minutes of the February 21, 2017 were approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Philip Walker welcomed Town Council member Beth Kerrigan and Keren Paquette from the West Hartford Department of Social Services who now be the department's liaison to the Commission. Phil and other Commission members attended the recent budget meeting. There was much discussion about the education budget. There are more meetings scheduled and Phil hopes members will attend. This is the link to the budget and proposed cuts.

<https://www.westhartfordct.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=34441>

Social Services Department

Ed Sanady's report about the provision of services to homebound residents is attached. Information about the demographics is not available at this time. Publicizing the information is important. The Care Card program of the Police Department and the Files of Life program of the Fire Department were shared. There is an internet program NextDoor.com which connects neighbors.

Town Council

Beth Kerrigan spoke about the budget and the issues of federal and state cuts, and the MDC. There are concerns about the property re-evaluations and the mil rate. The discussion about the purchase of the UConn property has been tabled.

Transportation

There are 75 donors, 25 drivers and a Board of 10.

Seniors Job Bank

Sheila Diamond reported that a spring fundraising campaign to service providers and clients is taking place. There is a challenge grant from Jim Doran that will match donations dollar for dollar. So far about \$10K has been raised.

Senior Centers

Reports are attached.

Old Business

There is a possible candidate for the vacancy on the Commission.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 at 10:00am.
Senator Beth Bye and Representative Derrick Slap will attend.

The meeting adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lynn Silverman
Volunteer Recording Secretary